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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 122117 ACTION BERLIN INFO BONN
KHARTOUM 10 JUNE 1974. QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF CONVICTED ARAB TERRORISTS FROM BERLIN
PRISON

REF: BERLIN 0953, BONN 08284, STATE 100983

1. DEPARTMENT FINDS REPORT THAT CONVICTED TERRORISTS TO BE
RELEASED AND DEPORTED VERY DISTURBING. MISSION SHOULD
REGISTER STRONG USG DISAPPOINTMENT ASAP, EVEN IF SUBJECT
TERRORISTS MAY ALREADY HAVE DEPARTED, DRAWING ON POINTS CON-
TAINED BELOW.

2. WE NOTE THAT SENAT ACTION TO RELEASE TERRORISTS WAS
TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ATTACKS, NOT RE-
PEAT NOT ACTUAL ATTACKS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH
ACTION CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS BY TERRORISTS
TO INTIMIDATE GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS AND IS THE OPPOSITE OF
DETERRENCE OF TERRORISM.

3. WE MOREOVER FEAR ADVERSE EFFECT WHICH SENAT ACTION MAY
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HAVE ON SUCH CASES AS TRIAL OF DEFENDENTS WHO MURDERED OUR

AMBASSADOR AND DCM AND BELGIAN DIPLOMAT IN KHARTOUM. TRIAL HAS REACHED CRITICAL AND DELICATE STATE. OUR FEAR IS THAT LENIENCY IN BERLIN CASE COULD WEAKEN GOS FIRMNESS IN FACE OF THREATS FROM THOSE WHO PRESS FOR RELEASE OF TERRORISTS IN KHARTOUM.

4. THIS IS SECOND INSTANCE IN PAST FEW WEEKS WHERE SENAT HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY CONSULT WITH ALLIES BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON MATTERS DIRECTLY AFFECTING ALLIES' INTERESTS.

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